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AMENDMENTS**In The Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 24 and ending on page 6, line 2 as follows:

One aspect of the present invention is a golf shaft including fiber reinforced plastic, a tip portion, a butt portion, and a middle portion located between the tip portion and the butt portion. The golf shaft includes a tapered shape having an outer diameter that generally increased gradually from the tip portion to the butt portion. The golf shaft further includes a first portion in which linear density is generally uniform, and a second portion defined by the part of the shaft excluding the first portion. The first portion occupies 30% or more of the entire shaft length, and the linear density of the first portion is greater than that of the ~~linear density~~ second portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 25 and ending on page 7, line 5 as follows:

A further aspect of the present invention is a golf club including a golf shaft made of fiber reinforced plastic and having a tip portion including a tip, a butt portion including a butt, and a middle portion located between the tip portion and the butt portion. A head is attached to the tip portion of the shaft. A grip is attached to the butt portion of the shaft. The shaft includes a tapered shape having an outer diameter that increases gradually from the tip to the butt, a first portion in which linear density is generally uniform, and a second portion defined by the part of the shaft excluding the first portion, the first portion occupying 30% or more of the entire shaft length, and the linear density of the first portion being greater than that of the ~~linear density~~ second portion.